@WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS SET FOR 9TH MARCH 1993

@ Registration of Newspapers

*181. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR ; SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of newspapers under various categories registered with the Registrar of Newspapers for India; and

(b) what is the mechanism by which it is ensured that the provisions of PRB Act, 1867 have been properly implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) As per the records maintained in the office of the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), a total of 35,139 newspapers under various categories have been registered with RNI.

(b) The office of the RNI was created in 1955 under the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 and this office is responsible for administration of the Act.

Foreign investment in Power Sector

*182. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 152 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd February, 1993 and state :

(a) whether any Scheme is under consideration of Government to invite more foreign companies in the power sector during the year 1993-94;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the total amount of investment likely to be made in these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE) : (a) A Scheme permitting Private Sector participation including participation by Foreign Companies in the Power Sector is already under implementation and the same is applicable to 1993-94 as well.

(b) The Scheme offers a package of financial icentives along with a liberalised legal and administrative framework, details of which are enunciated in the Policy announced by the Government in this regard.

(c) At present, 41 proposals from different private investors for setting up a capacity of nearly 20,000 MWs are in hand. But the total investment likely to be made in these Projects during 1993-94 is difficult to quantify.

भारत-रूस व्यापार में विदेशी मुद्रा का घोटाला

*183. **श्री लक्खी राम अग्रवाल** : क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या प्रवर्तन निदेशालय को भारत-रूस व्यापार में करोड़ों रुपये की विदेशी मुद्रा के घोटाले के मामले का पता चला है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि भारत-रूस व्यापार के अन्तर्गत फर्जी आयात के बदले भुगतान रुपया और रूबल के अलावा अन्य मुद्राओं में किया गया है और यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) क्या भारत में स्थित विदेशी बैंक अपने "वोस्त्रो खातों" का ब्यौरा नियमित रूप से भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक को भेज रहे हैं और यदि हां, तो क्या उपर्युक्त घोटाले का भुगतान उस ब्यौरे में शामिल है ?

@The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, the 9th March, 1993 was cancelled. Answers to the Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Wednesday, the 10th March, 1993.

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) से (घ) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा-पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Telephone Connections Sanctioned from M.Ps. quota

*184. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY :

DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons from the year 1992 who have been sanctioned telephone connections from the annual quota of Members of Parliament on priority basis but have not yet been provided; and

(b) what are the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to take over Surat Airport from Gujarat Government

*185 SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government has received any proposal to take over the Surat Airport in Gujarat from the State Government; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on this proposal and what is the likely time frame therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) In January 1991, letters were received from the Government of Gujarat suggesting Surat airport to be taken over by the National Airports Authority (NAA) for upgradation. Due to paucity of resources of the NAA, it was decided that NAA would not be able to take over this airport. The State Government was informed of this on 20-6-1991.

शेयर बाजार की सदस्यता

186. **श्री मूलचन्द मीना :**
श्री मुहम्मद मसूद खान :

क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 28 फरवरी, 1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार देश में कितने शेयर बाजार कार्यरत हैं ;

(ख) शेयर बाजार के अध्यक्ष की नियुक्ति के संबंध में क्या नीति है ;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि एक परिवार के चार या पांच सदस्य एक ही शेयर बाजार के सदस्य बन सकते हैं; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान शेयर बाजार में एक परिवार के कई सदस्यों को उस शेयर बाजार का सदस्य बनाया गया है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा० अबरार अहमद) : (क) 28 फरवरी, 1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार देश में 21 स्टाक एक्सचेंज कार्य कर रहे हैं जो प्रतिभूति संविदा (विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1956 के अधीन मान्यताप्राप्त हैं ।

(ख) इस समय, जहां अधिकांश स्टाक एक्सचेंजों के अध्यक्षों को सरकार द्वारा उन एक्सचेंजों के नियमों/संस्था के अन्तर्नियमों के अनुसार नामित किया जाता है वहीं कुछेक स्टाक एक्सचेंजों के संबंध में शासी बोर्ड/सदस्यों की साधारण सभा द्वारा इनको चुना जाता है । हाल ही में सरकार ने भारतीय प्रतिभूति और एक्सचेंज बोर्ड (सेबी) द्वारा एक्सचेंजों के नियमों/संस्था के अन्तर्नियमों में संशोधन करने का एक प्रस्ताव अनुमोदित किया है जिसमें यह व्यवस्था है कि किसी एक्सचेंज के अध्यक्ष और उपाध्यक्ष, उस एक्सचेंज के शासी निकाय द्वारा चुने जायेंगे ।